

REMARKS

All of the pending claims of the instant application were subject to only one rejection in the Office Action under reply: a double-patenting rejection that is discussed below. In addition, applicants have taken this opportunity to correct to obvious typographical errors in the text of the specification as indicated in the amendments to the specification at pages 2 to 3 of this paper and to resubmit the reference missing from the PTO-1449 as indicated by the Examiner in the attachments to the Office Action.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

With the amendments to the specification as set forth herein, applicants are correcting minor typographical errors that appeared in the application when the originally filed application from 1995 was scanned for word processing. All corrections are of a minor nature and correct misspellings in words and inappropriate spacings or obvious errors in chemical formulas. The change to paragraph 0035 is supported in the prior applications, e.g., see, page 7 of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/769,806, now U.S. Patent No. 5,874,500. No new matter has been added to the application with the changes made herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

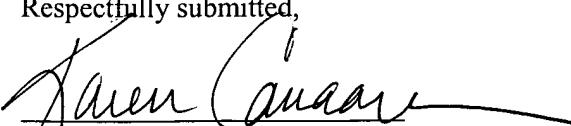
Claims 1-33 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double-patenting over claims 7-12 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,323,278 ("the '278 Patent").

In response to this rejection, applicants have filed concurrently with this paper, a Terminal Disclaimer for this application over the '278 Patent. Applicants would like to make of record that the attached Terminal Disclaimer has been submitted solely to expedite prosecution of this application and is not intended to be an acquiescence in the substance of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer and Supplemental IDS, there will be no outstanding issues for this application; accordingly, it follows that this application will be in condition for allowance. In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request entry of this response, including the amendments to the specification as set forth herein, the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, and the accompanying Supplemental IDS, and upon entry thereof, passage of this application to issue.

The Examiner may direct any questions regarding this application to the undersigned attorney at 650-330-4913.

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